

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 15 to 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1-5 (canceled)

6. (previously presented) A method of treating colonic inflammation and/or colonic hypersensitivity to distension, comprising administration of an effective amount of a composition comprising lactic acid bacterium of the species *Lactobacillus farciminis*.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein said colonic inflammation and/or said colonic hypersensitivity to distension, results from an acute or chronic inflammatory pathology of the intestine.

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said pathology is selected from the group consisting of colitis, enteritis, Crohn's disease, hemorrhagic rectocolitis, and irritable bowel syndrome.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein the composition is in the form of a foodstuff or a dietary supplement.

12-18 (canceled)